

H. R. 180.

DECEMBER 28, 1820.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House
on the state of the Union.

A BILL

To reduce and fix the Military Peace Establishment of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 from and after the first day of May next, the Military Peace
4 Establishment of the United States shall consist of six thou-
5 sand non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates,
6 with a due proportion of field and company officers, accord-
7 ing to the present organization of companies, and in such
8 proportions of artillery and infantry as the President of the
9 United States shall direct; and that the corps of engineers,
10 as at present established, be retained in service.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the President of*
2 the United States cause to be arranged the officers, non-com-
3 missioned officers, musicians, and privates, of the several corps
4 of troops now in service, in such manner as to form and

5 complete the corps to be retained in service under this act,
6 consolidating the corps of ordnance, and the corps of light ar-
7 tillery, with the corps of artillery, and the corps of riflemen
8 with the infantry, and cause the supernumerary officers, non-
9 commissioned officers, and privates, to be discharged from
10 the service.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be
2 one brigadier general, with one aid de camp, one assistant ad-
3 jutant general, and one assistant inspector general; there shall
4 also be one adjutant general, one quartermaster general, and
5 one judge advocate, each with the rank, pay, and emoluments,
6 of a colonel of cavalry, as heretofore prescribed by law; there
7 shall also be a paymaster general, with a salary as heretofore
8 fixed by law, a commissary general of purchases, with a sa-
9 lary of two thousand dollars per annum, and one assistant
10 commissary general of purchases, whose compensation shall
11 not exceed two and a half per centum on the public moneys
12 disbursed by him, nor the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per
13 annum; and two military storekeepers, to be compensated
14 as heretofore; one commissary general of subsistence, with
15 as many assistants as the service may require; one sur-
16 geon general, with a salary of two thousand dollars per annum,
17 and one apothecary general, with a salary of fifteen hundred
18 dollars per annum.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be to
2 each regiment of infantry, and to each battalion of artillery,
3 one adjutant, one quartermaster, and one paymaster, one
4 surgeon, and one assistant surgeon.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the topographi-
2 cal engineers, and their assistants, shall be discharged from
3 the service of the United States.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the judge advo-
2 cate shall keep an office in the City of Washington, and, in
3 addition to the duties which may be assigned to him by the
4 President of the United States, he shall keep a record of all
5 trials by general courts martial, and report the decisions.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers of
2 the army, whose continuance in service is not provided for by
3 this act, shall be discharged from the service of the United
4 States, and that to each commissioned officer, who shall be
5 deranged by virtue of this act, there shall be paid, in addition
6 to the pay and emoluments to which he will be entitled at
7 the time of his discharge, three months pay.